

## Radio Alert Week of April 27

## LOCAL WATER QUALITY, AVAILABILITY AT ISSUE

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program, a collaborative effort among the state and federal governments and California's leading agricultural, urban and environmental interests has released three potential solutions to the environmental and water management problems of California's Bay Delta system. California's Bay-Delta system supplies drinking water for more than 22 million Californians and irrigation water for the state's \$24 billion agricultural industry. It supports more than 750 plant and animal species, some found nowhere else on earth. Years of conflict among urban, agricultural, environmental and other users have pushed the system to the brink of failure. Ultimately, California's trillion-dollar economy is at risk if a consensus solution to Bay-Delta problems is not reached.

## CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITITES HAVE A PARTICULAR STAKE IN FINDING A BAY-DELTA SOLUTION, INCLUDING:

- **▶** What will be the impact on local water quality?
- ➡ How will the efforts to restore the Bay-Delta ecosystem impact constraints on exported water to farms and towns in the Central Valley?
- → How much will the solution cost and who will pay?

A public hearing will be held Wednesday, April 29, at the Kern Agricultural Pavilion in Bakersfield to hear from local residents. The following individuals are available for interviews during the weeks prior to the hearing.

Laura King, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Dan Fultz, Friant Water Users Association

To arrange an interview, please call Jill Esterbrooks at (619) 688-0054.

**CALFED Agencies** 

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Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

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